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THE WHITE HOUSE

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Monday, October 28, 1968 -- 3:45 p.m.

Mr. President:

Gen. Wheeler has just talked with Admiral McCain and General Goodpaster. They are agreed that if a "Red Rocket" (special delivery!) message is sent from Washington between 5 and 6 a.m. tomorrow, they could meet a cessation time of 7 p.m.

To make this feasible, General Wheeler would need your approval to:

-- pre-cut the message tapes tonight so that there would be no time lost after you gave the go signal;

-- set up tonight through communications channels an alert to the possibility of a Red Rocket message between 5 and 6 a.m. tomorrow;

-- include in the message authority to subordinate commanders to transmit by voice in the clear if push comes to shove in meeting the 7 a.m. deadline.

W.W. Rostow

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